

HOUSE BILL 1256

By Moore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to election procedures and equipment and
to enact the "Tennessee Voter Confidence Act of
2007".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Voter
Confidence Act of 2007".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, is amended by adding the following
as a new, appropriately designated section:

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(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary and
consistent with federal law, any voting system purchased or leased with federal,
state or local funds shall provide that the ballot of record shall be a paper ballot
marked by the voter, with appropriate accommodation for persons with
disabilities. Such ballot shall be available for the voter to verify such voter's vote
before having it counted and retained by the election officials. The system shall
maintain the secrecy of the voter's choices and the ballots of record shall be
used in any recounts, contests, or random samplings for accuracy.

(b) The secretary of state and the state election commission are
authorized, with the various county election commissions, to implement the
provisions of this section for any new purchases after the effective date of this
act. In addition, they are authorized to expedite the replacement or modification
of any systems that are not in compliance with this section as soon as practical.
Federal "Help America Vote Act" funds previously allocated, or any similar funds
allocated in the future shall be used to the extent such funds are eligible.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.